of demand and availability so compiled in respect of 15 stations is enclosed as Annexure-I. (See Appendix CLXVI, Annexure II]

(b) Keeping in view the land and resources constraints, it may not be feasible to provide accommodation to all the employees.

Release of Funds for Ashraya Housing Schemes

647. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite executing a Memoradum of Understanding (MOU) with HUDCO, the State Government of Karnataka is still waiting for the release of funds required for the Ashraya Housing Schemes for the economically weaker sections of the society; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay and whether HUDCO would reckon the enhanced cost caused by such delays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b): As per the Memorandum of Understanding signed between HUDCO and Govt. of Karnataka for the implementation of the Ahsraya Housing Scheme, funds were to be made available by HUDCO to Govt. of Karnataka by mobilising resources through taxable bonds. The project report submitted by the Govt. of Karnataka did not conform to the requirements of HUDCO. The deficiencies included involvement of beneficiaries in design and implementation of the scheme instead of a contractor orientation, adoption of alternate designs taking into account various geo-climatic features etc. HUDCO has requested the Govt. of Karnataka to rectify these deficiencies and resubmit the proposal. The revised proposal has not been received by HUDCO.

Simultaneously, HUDCO made efforts to raise funds through taxable bond. However, HUDCO did not succeed because of the uncertain conditions in the capital market. This was also communicated to the State Government.

In view of the above, the question of any delay on HUDCO's part does not arise.

Regularisation of Excess Coverage in Contravention of Building plan

648. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to regularise the excess coverage in contravention of sanctioned building plan, if so, what are the details thereof?

(b) what is the justification for taking such a decision as the same is likely to encourage illegal construction; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the decision keeping in view its adverse affect on the construction activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c): Public objections have been initiated by MCD, DDA and NDMC against a proposal to amend the Building Bye-laws to regularise the excess coverage|floor area to the extent of 5 per cent of the permissible coverage|FAR subject to a maximum of 13.5 sq. mtr. overall area